

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Rahut, et. al, U.S. Patent No. 6,766,504 filed August 6, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rahut). Claims 11-16 were objected to. Applicants traverse the rejections and objections.

The present patent application was filed on July 21, 2003 claiming priority to provisional patent application 60/398,520 filed July 24, 2002 (see Filing Receipt with date mailed of October 23, 2003). As the present patent application has a priority date before Rahut, Applicants request the rejection be withdrawn and the claims 1-10 be allowed.

Claims 11-16 being ultimately dependent upon claim 1 should be allowable for at the same reason claim 1 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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